



Waukesha County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Mental Health Workgroup
Thursday, April 28, 2016

Team Members Present:

Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski (Co-Chair)	HHS Director Antwayne Robertson (Co-Chair)
Attorney Maura McMahon	Captain Dan Baumann
Outpatient Services Admin Gordon Owley	Andrew Hayes of Community Memorial Hospital
NAMI Executive Director Mary Madden	Assistant Corporation Counsel Robert Mueller
DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess	Inspector James Gumm
Honorable Kathryn Foster	

Others Present: Joan Sternweis, Rebecca Luczaj, Janelle McClain

The meeting was called to order at 12:42 p.m.

Approve Minutes from April 11, 2016

Motion: Gumm moved, Baumann second, to approve the minutes from April 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Observations from Washington County Acute Care Services & Calm Harbor Tour

Gumm, Hayes, Mueller, Owley, Robertson, and Ruzinski toured the Washington County Acute Care Services (ACS) and Calm Harbor.

Calm Harbor is a 2-story bungalow with 8 beds; 1 bed is reserved for detox. Calm Harbor averages just under 4 beds occupied per night. Calm Harbor is funded by county levy, although they are able to get some reimbursement from Medicaid. The clients are not billed for any services they receive. The average length of stay is 3-4 days, although some show up for just a few hours or for part of the day (like a day report center program). The building stays unlocked, and there is no outdoor signage acknowledging what the building is. It is located within a neighborhood, and the neighbors are supportive.

The Calm Harbor crisis staff also answer calls, similar to 2-1-1. They are most heavily staffed for crisis from 3-10pm, however only one person is available overnight. There are no CIT-trained officers in Washington County. It is recognized that they need someone until a crisis worker shows up, but the county also feels that since they have Calm Harbor, there is no immediate need for CIT-trained officers. For detox clients, crisis workers take them from the initial scene for medical clearance. Detox clients need to be assessed by crisis, but they do not always need medical help. If a client says they will go voluntarily, crisis takes over.

Clients can go to Calm Harbor either by going right from the scene, or if they are already a committed patient whose meds were stopped for whatever reason and need to be restarted. Clients have to be assessed by Acute Care Services in order to stay there. Medication monitoring is also provided.

Elevate operates both ACS and Calm Harbor, so there are no issues with HIPAA and being able to communicate between agencies.

Elevate, the group that runs Calm Harbor, has expressed an interest in running a location in Waukesha, which is estimated to cost about \$500,000/year. This led to discussions of existing housing options in Waukesha County that could be converted, such as Jeremy House or existing group homes, and also contacting the Housing Authority for other options. Funding would be an issue. Any location should be within walking distance of the HHS outpatient clinic to allow for ease of monitoring and continuity of service.

Motion: Robertson moved, Mueller second, to explore the options of Elevate opening a respite facility, contacting the Housing Authority for assistance, and repurposing existing group homes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Feedback from Policy Team on Workgroup Change Strategies

Luczaj distributed the final version of the workgroup change strategy. Mimi Carter of NIC was impressed by what was put together.

The committee discussed concerns regarding the mobile crisis assessment law effective July 1, and how it will affect funding, staffing, and procedures, both from the clinical and law enforcement points of view.

The issue of when clients are discharged from prison and have trouble obtaining medications and benefits will be taken to the state team.

Motion: Gumm moved, Baumann second, to prioritize the change strategies as they are currently listed. Motion carried unanimously.

Review & Discuss Workgroup Logic Model and Action Plan Templates

Luczaj distributed the logic model and work plan templates, to be submitted with the Phase 6 application by the end of June.

The committee will break into small groups to work on each strategy. Owley and Robertson will work on #1; Gumm, Madden, and Baumann will work on #2; Hayes, Ruzinski, and Mueller will work on #3; and Tess, McMahon, and Foster will work on #4.

The logic models for each change strategy will be reported on at the May 12th meeting. Once the committee approves the logic models, the action plans will be worked on.

Discuss Next Steps

The next meeting will be May 12, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., Room G55.

Motion: Owley moved, Madden second, to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.